

to visit, the area which is proposed as a new national park in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee will find this number of the *Journal* of much interest.—T. C. S.

The *1926 Year book of the Public Museum of the City of Milwaukee*, which was issued in the fall of 1926, contains three ornithological papers, viz., "Making a three reel heron picture," by Owen J. Gromme; "On the trail of the Sandhill Crane," by Owen J. Gromme; "Photographing and banding Red-tailed Hawks," by Irving J. Perkins.

The October number of the *Chemical Bulletin*, Chicago, contains a most readable article on "Ornithology as an Avocation," by A. W. Schorger, Madison, Wisconsin.

Nature Notes from Yellowstone Park for August, September, and October have appeared. Herein are recorded many interesting observations in all phases of natural history, including numerous notes on bird life.

We have received from Mr. Alfred M. Bailey, of Colorado, the reprints of his ten articles in the *Condor* on the birds of northwestern Alaska and regions adjacent to Bering Strait.

COMMUNICATIONS

THE RIDGWAY MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

The Wilson Ornithological Club, in co-operation with the American Ornithologists' Union, and the Cooper Ornithological Club of California, is now actively forwarding plans for a suitable memorial to the work and services of Robert Ridgway, the dean of American ornithologists. This memorial will, it is proposed, take the form of a sanctuary for birds and other wild life. The tract of land comprising eighteen acres, situated near Mr. Ridgway's home at Olney, in southern Illinois, named by him "Bird Haven," on account of its attractiveness to bird life, is admirably adapted to this purpose. Its varied topography of little hills, ravines, streams, woods, and open grasslands accounts for its remarkably large number of different trees, bushes, and flowering herbaceous plants, and for its variety of bird life. Nearly 150 species of birds have in the last few years been recorded from this area.

Mr. Ridgway has offered to donate this property for a wild life sanctuary if a fund sufficient for its maintenance can be obtained. This is therefore an unusual opportunity to save this area for the preservation of birds and plants, and at the same time to erect a fitting memorial to America's great bird lover.

A fund of \$35,000 is considered necessary to carry out this project. To raise this amount a committee has been appointed consisting of Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, of the United States Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., Chairman, representing the American Ornithologists' Union; Mr. Percival B. Coffin, 39 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, representing the Wilson Ornithological Club; and Mr. Harry Harris, Box 123, Eagle Rock, California, representing the Cooper Ornithological Club. Bird lovers and all persons and organizations interested in conservation are urged to co-operate in raising the funds necessary to establish the Bird Haven Wild Life Sanctuary.

Remittances should be made out to the "Ridgway Memorial Fund" and may be sent to any member of the committee above mentioned.—HARRY C. OBERHOLSER.